

**Please replace the ABSTRACT, page 14, with the following amended ABSTRACT:**

A surgical towel with x-ray detectable material which eliminates the need for re-entry into a patient after operating in situations where operating towels are missing. The surgical towel comprises a sheet of fabric having x-ray detectable material sewn inside the hem, woven into or otherwise attached to the fabric. The hem can be is stitched with a thread of a different color than the color of the fabric to make the towel easily identifiable as being x-ray detectable. The x-ray detectable material can easily be observed by medical personnel upon examination of an x-ray. If no x-ray detectable material is observed, unnecessary re-entry into the patient is prevented.